

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2011 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season Closure

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to delegate to the Secretary of the Department the powers, duties and authority to set seasons, and in accordance with a Declaration of Emergency adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on August 4, 2011 which authorized the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the fall shrimp season when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and following notification to the Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby declare that the 2011 fall inshore shrimp season will close on December 20, 2011 at official sunset except for that portion of Shrimp Management Zone 1 north of the of the southern shore of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) including the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (ICWW) north of the Parish Road Bridge, and the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described by the double-rig line in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2. The number of small white shrimp taken in biological samples within these waters to be closed has increased while water temperatures have decreased and these waters are being closed to protect these shrimp as they over-winter.

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